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In re Application of
Roman Golicz et al.
SERIAL NO: 08/962,077
FILED: October 31, 1997
FOR: Sheet Feeding Apparatus

AUG 15 2001 :
Office of the Director :
Group 3600 :
DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE APPLICATION
SPECIAL (AGE)

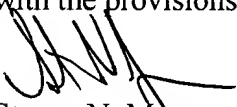
This is a decision on your petition submitted on August 6, 2001 to make the above referenced application special on the basis that applicant is over 65 years of age.

The petition has been found to comply with all requirements of section 708.02, part IV of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures, and will be GRANTED for that reason.

The Examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if Petitioner makes a prompt bona fide effort, in response to each office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the Examiner to accomplish this purpose.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for accelerated examination consistent with the provisions of section 708.02 of the MPEP.


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